

COMMONWEALTH OF KENTUCKY
BEFORE THE PUBLIC SERVICE COMMISSION

In the Matter of:

THE INTERCONNECTION AGREEMENT)
NEGOTIATIONS BETWEEN BLUESTAR)
NETWORKS, INC. AND BELL SOUTH) CASE NO. 99-498
TELECOMMUNICATIONS, INC. PURSUANT)
TO THE TELECOMMUNICATIONS ACT OF 1996)

O R D E R

This matter is before the Commission upon the joint motion of the parties, BlueStar Networks, Inc. ("BlueStar") and BellSouth Telecommunications, Inc. ("BellSouth") to cancel the hearing scheduled herein and to adopt the procedural and briefing schedule set out in the motion. There were four issues (Issues 5, 14, 15, and 16) to be considered at hearing. Early in the afternoon of May 9, 2000, Commission Staff received by facsimile an amendment to the interconnection agreement between the parties that was jointly signed by the parties and that resolved Issue 5. In addition, Commission Staff received a separate amendment that resolved Issue 16. The parties agreed to brief Issues 14 and 15 to the Commission. The Commission and Commission Staff were advised that there was no necessity for the hearing.

Late in the afternoon of the same day, Commission Staff received by facsimile the joint motion of the parties supporting the facts above, and setting out a suggested procedural and briefing schedule. To accommodate the suggested schedule, the parties agreed to move the Commission's deadline for the issuance of a final Order in this matter from June 12, 2000 to July 7, 2000.

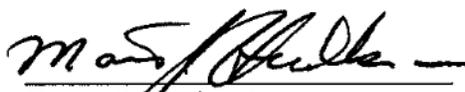
The Commission, having been sufficiently advised, HEREBY ORDERS that:

1. The joint motion of the parties is granted.
2. As there is no necessity to conduct a hearing because of the joint filings of the parties (amendments of Issues 5 and 16, and brief of Issues 14 and 15), the formal hearing in this matter is cancelled.
3. By agreement and request of the parties, the deadline for the issuance of a final Order herein is extended to July 7, 2000.
4. As to Issues 14 and 15, to be resolved by Commission decision, the following schedule is established:
 - a. BlueStar's filing of the updated direct testimony of Chuck Bowen is due by May 12, 2000.
 - b. BellSouth's response to Chuck Bowen's testimony is due by May 19, 2000.
 - c. Parties' simultaneous briefs are due on June 2, 2000.
 - d. Parties' simultaneous reply briefs are due by June 9, 2000.

Done at Frankfort, Kentucky, this 16th day of May, 2000.

By the Commission

ATTEST:


Executive Director